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WATERTANK BURSTS AT PENITENTIARY STATE SENATOR WHITE DIES HERE

Much Damage Done as Hoops on Big Receptacle Part.

With a loud report, followed by a deluge of water, the big 12,000-gallon tank at the penitentiary burst yesterday morning, doing damage that will probably amount to more than \$2,000. Windows were broken, porch railings were smashed and a huge hole was knocked in one of the watch-boxes, while much damage was done to the shoe manufacturing plant.

When the accident occurred all the guards and other officers were at their posts. Assistant Keeper Penn was on the upper porch at the eastern end of the shoe shop, and made a rush for the door, but did not reach there until after he was drenched. Several other guards were in the yard at the time. When they saw the water coming, they made a run for the gates, and escaped. Superintendent E. F. Morgan was summoned from the office at once, and with a large force began at once to clear away the debris. As soon as it was possible he asked for bids for a new tank, as it is expected that within the next two weeks the damage will be repaired.

Inside the shoe shops there is a system of sprinklers for use in case of fire. Falling timbers of the tank made a hole in the roof and went through the floor. This broke the sprinkler pipes and damaged the stock of the shoe company so that large quantities of the stock are ruined and will be undt for weeks.

Charles Smith, a "trusty," was seated in one of the guards' boxes when the tank burst. When it was all over he was seen to emerge from one of the windows with a cage under his arm. It contained a ground squirrel, which has been his pet since he has been a member of the prison force. Smith has only one arm. Major Morgan said last night that a new tank would be erected at once, and it would probably be of steel instead of wood. Recently an examination of the tank was made, and it was pronounced in good condition.

CONVICT DOPE-SELLER

John Brown Gets One Year in Penitentiary for Selling Cocaine.

In the Hustings Court yesterday, John Brown, a one-legged colored man, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for selling cocaine. Besides selling the drug he was caught passing a package to his wife, who was serving time in the City Jail before his arrest. Brown came to visit her and brought a bag of sugar. One of the guards became suspicious and made an examination. Well-hidden in the sugar he discovered a package of cocaine.

Frank J. Fitzhugh, colored, was tried on the charge of throwing rocks at a street car in Fulton. There was no evidence enough to prove that he committed the act, so he was acquitted.

HELD ON WIFE'S CHARGE

His Better Half Charges That He Threatened to Kill Her.

On a warrant sworn out by his wife, which charges him with being disorderly and threatening to kill her, John Davis was arrested last night and locked up in the Second Police Station. When arrested he was drunk and had in his pockets a good deal of money. Two of his friends came to the station to bail him out, but on examination of the fear of his wife that he would do her injury, he was held for trial this morning.

WILL BE TRIED HERE

Man and Woman Charged With Riding Illegally on Railroad Passes.

Beale Green and John Simpson were brought back to Richmond from Staunton yesterday by Deputy Rodgers, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia. The man and woman were charged with violating the interstate commerce laws in riding illegally on railroad passes. A preliminary hearing will be held before the United States Commissioner this morning. The couple had been in the Staunton jail for two months. They are now in the Henrico county prison.

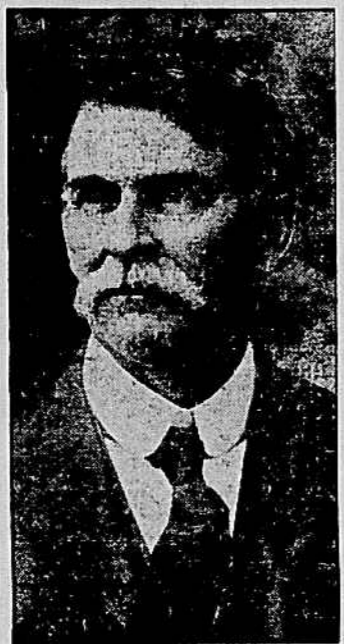
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End Comes at Johnston-Willis Sanatorium, Where He Had Come for Treatment.



WILLIAM C. WHITE.

State Senator William C. White, of Fluvanna county, who, in the past two years has represented the Eighteenth District in the upper branch of the General Assembly, died at the Johnston-Willis Sanatorium yesterday morning, having been brought to the city for treatment several days ago.

Mr. White was the second son of Peter J. White and Martha A. Adams, his wife. He was born on James River, in Fluvanna county, at the home of his grandfather, W. C. Adams, near Scottsville, March 31, 1851. His father having died very young, his mother moved to a farm below Richmond in 1860. He attended school in Richmond at one time, being a pupil of the Rev. Philip B. Price. Too young to go into the army, he saw, nevertheless, much of soldier life, his mother's home being near Richmond, being the last on that road inclosed by General R. E. Lee's lines of defense in 1861. He saw some of the fighting with Butler's army, and on several occasions accompanied the troops of Longstreet in some of their movements. He was of Scotch ancestry, his maternal grandfather having been born in Scotland.

After the war he became a civil engineer, and was with the old Virginia Central Railroad, when completed to the White Sulphur Springs in 1885; was afterwards with the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, and again with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad when completed to the Ohio River in 1873. He was also on the Southern Pacific in Texas.

Returning to Virginia in 1874, Mr. White married Miss Eugenia Harris, of Nelson county, Va., and settled near Scottsville as a farmer. Being popular with his neighbors, he was made a supervisor of his county. He was instrumental in building the Virginia A. Line Railroad through Fluvanna county, which was recently completed. Two years ago he was elected to the Virginia Senate from the Eighteenth District, composed of the counties of Buckingham, Appomattox, Fluvanna and Charlotte. He made many friends, and was warmly attached to him, and who will be deeply grieved at his death.

He leaves a wife, five sons—all grown—two brothers, P. J. White, of this city; a half-brother and a half-sister, of Leesburg, Va. His body will be carried to Hardaway, Fluvanna county, at 10 A. M. to-day, and will be buried at Hardaway to-morrow, between 2 and 3 P. M.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED

United Aid Insurance Company and Eastern Star Club Thus Deal With. Against the United Aid Insurance Company, Judge Ingram in the Law and Equity Court, yesterday issued a decree in the suit of Adelle Griffith, plaintiff, against the company, to appoint receivers for all property of the company, and is authorized to take possession at once of all assets of the company, except \$10,000 of Roanoke city bonds. The receiver's bond is put at \$10,000.

The liabilities of the company to the American National Bank and the Commonwealth Bank, running up to \$4,000, have been paid, and on injunction previously granted is dissolved, so far as \$4,000 worth of the Roanoke bonds are concerned, and \$6,000 worth of them are to be delivered to the receiver. The Eastern Star Club, a grocery company doing business at 917 North Thirtieth Street, was put into the hands of a receiver, John Epps,

CHALLENGE ON IN MANCHESTER

Will Seek to Restrain Voters Whose Taxes Are Alleged to Have Been Paid.

SOUTHSIDE CITY IN ARMS

Election To-Day May Result in Further Investigation by Courts.

It was currently reported in Manchester last week that the grand jury was engaged in investigating the charges against certain people who were alleged to have paid the poll taxes of various citizens, that the matter was brought to the attention of the Commonwealth by supporters of Judge Mann in the Southside city, who were hopeful of bringing about a sentiment in his favor. It is reported that those persons who were summoned before the grand jury and questioned as to who paid their taxes, or whose money was used in such payment, will be challenged in the primary to-day.

Will Challenge Voters. Councilman E. R. Brown, of the First Ward, who is only a legal supporter, stated last night positively that these persons would be challenged and that they would be put on oath to answer questions concerning who had paid their taxes, and furthermore, that if there was any heretofore in the matter, the question of perjury would then be brought up. Mr. Brown did not hesitate to say that this was going to be done, and he volunteered the information that if the grand jury's challenge is done, as is predicted, things will be rather warm around the precincts in Manchester, and some interesting propositions will arise.

Judge Witt the Man. Another interesting feature of this matter is the fact that the city of Manchester has no judge at this time, and in the event that a voter is challenged as to the payment of poll taxes, the question would have to be taken to a judge of the court, since it would be a legal point and not a point which could be determined by a judge of the primary, who is serving simply under the State Committee.

In the event that the challenges are made, the question will arise as to who is to determine the matter. Judge Witt, of Richmond, has been sitting in Manchester, and it would be necessary for a voter to take Judge Witt in order to have any dispute or challenge settled.

Interest Is Intense. The interest in Manchester in to-day's primary is intense, and indeed never before in recent years has interest in any primary or election been as great as it is in this one.

Judge Mann is conceded to have a majority of something over seven hundred votes in the city, and if Mr. Tucker wins in the city it will come as a great surprise.

Another fight in which great interest centres is that of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and indeed never before in recent years has interest in any primary or election been as great as it is in this one.

The nomination of the Attorney-General is also causing some hard work on the part of the adherents of Colonel Catlett, who, it is said, will probably carry the Southside city against his opponent, Judge Williams. D. L. Toney, who is a candidate for the nomination to the House of Delegates, will get a splendid majority in Manchester, and will also carry Chesterfield county. His nomination is almost an assurance, although Mr. Harrison has made a hard fight.

The various Manchester city officers to be elected have no opposition. They include Commonwealth's Attorney, City Treasurer, the Justices of the Peace, and City Commissioners will also be elected, but there will be no opposition to them.

Location of Polls. The Manchester polls will open at sunrise to-day—5:15 o'clock—and will close at sunset—7:14 o'clock. The Manchester returns will be canvassed by the City Committee in the office of the City Sergeant, in the courthouse.

The Manchester precincts are located at the following places: First Ward, 614 Hull Street; Second Ward, courthouse; Third Ward, 1244 Hull Street; Fourth Ward, 1233 Hull Street.

VIRGINIA CORONERS TO ORGANIZE AND PISTOL TOTER

They Will Meet in This City Next Month for the Purpose.

The organization meeting of the coroners of the State will take place in this city on September 21, 22 and 23, at Murphy's Hotel. Special reduced hotel rates have been obtained.

About sixty coroners have promised to be present, and may be twenty-five to thirty-five additional will come to the city on account of this meeting. The Commonwealth's Attorney from each county is expected to be present. Nearly every member will read a paper.

The purpose of this organization is to bring about remedial changes in the law relating to coroners and the duties which are imposed on them. It is thought on all sides by the coroners that amendments to the present law are most necessary. Dr. W. H. Taylor, coroner of this city; Dr. Brodnax, of Manchester; and Dr. Leight, of Petersburg, comprise the arrangement and reception committee. While the association is in the city several features of entertainment will be furnished by the city members. Dr. Lucien Lofton, of Emporia, is credited with originating the organization, and he has been most instrumental in bringing about this first meeting of those who say why mortality shall put on immortality and corruptible, incorruptible.

In Honor of Dr. Southall. The offices of the Department of Public Instruction were closed yesterday in honor of the memory of the late Dr. Joseph W. Southall, of Amelia, a former superintendent of the department. The funeral of Dr. Southall took place here yesterday afternoon.

MIDWAY OR WARPATH AT THE STATE FAIR

To Be More Attractive Than Ever This Year.

PREPARATIONS BEING RUSHED

Negotiations for Airship Exhibitions, Starting Fireworks and Other Striking Features.

A meeting of the executive board of the Virginia State Fair was held on the grounds of the association yesterday afternoon in order to determine how best to utilize the five-acre tract of land which was recently purchased by the City Council and added to the plant.

The consensus of opinion was that the new ground should be devoted entirely to the "Midway," and tentative plans to that effect will be drawn up by Manager Mark R. Lloyd and submitted to the committee for decision at a meeting to be held to-morrow. A force of men is engaged in the work of extending the fences and leveling the ground, and, if the present plans are approved, a sixty-foot roadway will be made in the shape of a half-circle or "open square" through the new property, which will face the side shows, merry-go-rounds and other amusement concessions, which, it is said, will this year eclipse all former efforts in this direction.

Preparations for the fair, to be held October 4 to 9, are being rushed to completion and the exposition promises to be the greatest of its kind ever held in this section of the country. Attractions of the fair will be transferred in their entirety from Coney Island and other equally famous resorts.

Negotiations are in progress with the Wright brothers and other aviators, which, if successful, will insure exhibitions of aerial flight with either a flying machine or dirigible balloon. Efforts are also being made to secure world-famous race-horses.

Contracts have already been closed with "Buckskin Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders and the Igorrote Village now at Coney Island, N. Y.

The list named, which contains fifty natives of this strange race of the Philippine Islands, will have a frontage on the "Midway" or "Warpath," of 100 feet. The Welch Bros. circus may also be secured, and is in itself a good-sized midway. At the meeting to-morrow the question of having a troop of cavalry and battery of light artillery stationed at the fair, will be decided. The War Department is expected to grant the request.

Fireworks. The Palace Fireworks Company will give a pyrotechnic display every night, and will probably present their reproduction of the earthquake at Messina. Inquiries are pouring in by every mail from prospective exhibitors and applicants for concessions, some of them coming from a great distance, as for example, from Sutton, Mass.

Bishop, Ga., and Bennington, Vt. A communication was received from G. W. Bedell, manager of the Cur's Neck farm, of Charles J. Sent, the "sugar king," who proposes sending a large herd of prize-winning Jersey cattle. This same herd will also be exhibited at the great international show at Chicago.

Corn Prize Contest. Much interest is being taken in the corn prize contest. The amount of the prize is increasing daily. Figuring on the basis of the present amount subscribed, the prizes to be awarded are as follows:

For the best ear of white corn grown in Virginia, \$222.

For the best ten ears of same, \$222.

For the best ear of yellow corn grown in Virginia, \$111.

For the best ten ears of same, \$111.

For the best twenty ears of same, \$111.

In addition to the above a sweep-stake prize will be awarded for the best entire collection.

POLICY PROMOTER AND PISTOL TOTER

Both Get Heavy Penalties in the Court of Justice John.

Walter Jackson, colored, charged with running a road house, was fined in the Police Court yesterday morning \$50 and costs and given thirty days in jail.

Boyd Jackson, colored, carried a pistol in a convenient place for his use, but where the public could not get a look at it. He received a fine of \$100 and was required to give security for his good behavior for one year in the sum of \$100.

Simon Mahoney, a white man, was charged with stealing \$47.75 worth of clothing from E. J. Webb.

Charles Burton, colored, suspected of housebreaking, returned to jail after having his case continued to August 11. On this date also will be tried charges against Charles Adams, alias York, colored, for breaking into the rear of 2308 East Grace Street and stealing two suits of clothes from William Chandler and Charles Green.

William Jones, colored, was assessed \$25 and placed under security of \$100 for sixty days on the charge of running a gambling house at 122 1-2 West Broad Street. Along with him came Tom Coker, Charles Williams, Joe Carroll, Sam McCullough, William Dandridge, Cornelius Branch and G. W. Collins, all colored. They were each fined \$5 and required to give security of \$100 for ten days for playing "skin."

Mary Carroll, colored, complained that John Dancy, of the same color, beat her, John, by way of reciprocity, made the same charge against her. Justice Crutehead fined both of them \$20 and asked for \$100 security for sixty days.

TUCKER LEADS IN OFFICE-HOLDER POLL

Clerks of County Courts Give Valley Candidate Slight Advantage—News-Leader Probabilities Agree in Most Instances With Times-Dispatch Poll.

From returns secured from clerks of the courts of the various counties of the State, the Richmond News-Leader yesterday published a poll of the Democratic primary, which showed Harry St. George Tucker substantially in the lead over his opponent, Judge William Hodges Mann. The estimate is frankly incomplete, many of the clerks having failed to respond, while others were vague and inconclusive. The returns are well scattered, however, and may be taken as indicative of public sentiment in the different sections and congressional districts. The returns indicate that the contest will be very close, with chances somewhat in Tucker's favor.

On Tuesday the Times-Dispatch published a carefully compiled forecast secured from its correspondents in every county and city in the State, in which the correspondents predicted that Tucker would carry 55 counties and 11 cities, while Mann would carry 42 counties and 8 cities. The poll by the News-Leader, instead of being drawn from experienced newspaper correspondents, is from purely office-holding sources, the clerks of the counties heard from indicating a slight lead for Mr. Tucker. Between the county clerks and the correspondents of this paper there is shown a remarkable unanimity of opinion as to the probabilities of to-day's election.

In discussing its poll, the News-Leader says:

"It is of some interest to compare the estimates of the clerks of court with those of the Times-Dispatch correspondents, printed yesterday. For instance, The Times-Dispatch correspondent gives the city of Alexandria to Mr. Tucker. The clerk of court gives it to Mann by 300 majority."

"The clerk of court reports it very close. On Appomattox clerk and correspondents agree, as they do on Norfolk. The clerk of court for Tuckersburg gives the city of Tuckersburg to Tucker, the clerk of court reports it very close."

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SOLE BIDDER SECURES AWARD

Council Approves Contract for Electric Machinery With General Electric Company.

MAKES NO INVESTIGATION

Body Fully Satisfied of Integrity of Engineer, and Resents Attack.

With but four dissenting votes, the Common Council last night sanctioned the award made by the Committee on Electricity to Holchikias and Gordon, agents for the General Electric Company, for the electric fittings for the new municipal plant, notwithstanding the protests of four other electric companies, who declined to enter the competition, and filed with the committee, in lieu of bids, letters alleging discrimination in the specifications. The amount of the contract is \$96,692, the city reserving a ninety-day option on the use of the lamps, transformers and cut-outs now in use by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, in which event the price is to be reduced to \$86,682. The award was not confirmed without a vigorous fight on the floor, led by Mr. Fuller. The debate, while earnest, was at all times courteous, and was listened to with close attention, there being an absence of the lobbying and scurrying about for votes which has characterized some recent contested propositions in the City Council.

Moves to Recommit. Mr. Fuller opened his remarks by moving to recommit the award to the Committee on Electricity, and stated that it was his intention if this motion prevailed to offer a supplementary resolution directing the committee to employ a competent electrical engineer to determine and report whether or not there had been any discrimination in the preparation of the specifications in favor of any particular bidder, and whether the interests of the city of Richmond would be best served by adhering to the present contract. The resolution provided \$500 for the expense of the employment of such expert.

Mr. Fuller elaborated his argument in an earnest and forcible manner. The object of the call for new bids, he said, had been to secure for the city the advantage of competition. One bidder, he argued, obviously could not compete with himself. Mr. Fuller went on:

"It is further claimed that the specifications are drawn to fit the General Electric Company."

"The Washington Company affirms that they have been modified so as to practically exclude it from bidding."

"The Crocker-Wheeler Company says the specifications as a whole are discriminating in favor of one manufacturer."

"The Allis-Chalmers Company says they entirely eliminate competition."

"The Adams-Bagnall Company says they call for one proprietary article patented and controlled by a rival company."

"If there ever was a case for a referee, this would seem to be one."

Peters Fights for the Award. President Peters led the fight for confirmation, broadly alleging that the specifications had been modified in various efforts to delay and defeat the electric plant scheme. He closed his remarks by presenting a prepared statement from Engineer Trafford, which was read. It was emphatically denying, and challenging any proof to the contrary, that the engineer had at any time failed to serve the interests of the city of Richmond alone.

He reviewed the history of the specification, going over each change that had been made and giving his reasons for lump bids, which he admitted had practically cut the small manufacturers out of the competition.

He said there had been no objection raised when the specifications were issued, or until the bids were opened, when four were found to be "bogus bids," although marked as proposals. The city, he claimed, had gained over the change in specifications, and the specifications had been modified without conference or consultation with any company or the representative of any bidder.

Award Confirmed. Several others spoke briefly, and on the roll call the only vote for the proposition to recommit were those of Messrs. Barber, Buford, Fuller and Green. The award was then confirmed. Contract was made with Mr. Trafford for employment of his services as supervising engineer of construction at 3 per cent.

There was an immediate grab for jobs on the new plant, and after the pay of watchman had been raised from \$50 to \$55, the question of their employment and of having a new set of the work sent to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform.

The Council refused to suspend the rules to adopt the ordinance prohibiting walking on the grass in any park, and it went to the same committee.

The Committee on Changes in the Form of Government secured the adoption of a resolution inviting committees from other cities to meet in special committee from the Richmond City Council in Richmond to confer as to charter changes.

Committee Appointments. President Peters announced the following appointments:

Special committee to arrange a baseball game with the Baltimore City Council: Messrs. Davis, Huber and Watkins.

Mr. Frank M. Reade was transferred from the Committee on Street Cleaning to the one on Parks and Amusement, and Mr. Boschen to the new Councilman from Monroe Ward, was assigned to the Committee on Electricity, Street Cleaning and Cemeteries. Mr. Mills was added to the Committee on Advertising.

COLORED BOYS ARRESTED

Charged With Housebreaking and Will Be Tried To-Day.

Daniel O'Neill, thirteen; William Bolling, thirteen; Julian Johnson, ten and August Wyatt, eleven, all colored, were arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of housebreaking. The boys are suspected of having burglarized the establishment of Winston & Co. in the Broad Street Market. They will be tried before Justice Crutehead this morning.

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